

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF FAYETTE, TO-WIT:

The Board of Education of the County of Fayette, West Virginia, met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2012, in the George M. Edwards Conference Room of the Board of Education Office, 111 Fayette Avenue, Fayetteville, West Virginia. Those present were:

Steve Bush	President
Lou Jones	Vice-President
David Arritt	Members
Pat Gray	
Leon Ivey	
Keith A. Butcher	Superintendent
Dr. Serena Starcher	Associate Superintendent
Dr. MaryLu MacCorkle	Associate Superintendent
Ron Cantley II	Director of Operations
Paula Fridley	Treasurer
Bob Hollandsworth	Director of Technology
Anna Kincaid-Cline	Director of Secondary
Judy Lively	Director of Attendance
Margaret Pennington	Director of Personnel
David Seay	Director of Child Nutrition
Jackie Mollohan	Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bush following with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Arritt.

RECOGNITIONS/REPORTS:

None.

DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christy Gill, President of the Fayette County American Federation, reported on the Hoodies for Hope project stating over 1,000 donated hoodies from West Virginia made their way to New Jersey to the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / INFORMATION:

Mr. Butcher announced the West Virginia School Building Authority awarded Fayette County \$806,760 to replace the coal furnace and upgrade the system at Divide Elementary School. He also reported we did not receive the three percent funding project for Fayette Institute of Technology.

Bill Sohonage distributed information to Board of Education members for the Truancy Grant that was received for the Oak Hill area schools. He stated the grant will enable Fayette County to replicate the most successful truancy program in the nation located in Spokane, Washington. He reported adjudication will be taken off of the table and replaced by a Truancy Board made up of community members.

BOARD ACTION:

Upon action by Mr. Ivey, second by Mrs. Jones and approved 5 – 0 the following items were approved:

- A. Special Meeting Minutes – Employee Hearing – November 30, 2012 (See Attachments)
Regular Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2012 (See Attachments)
- B. Approval for two Fayette County students to be released to attend Raleigh County Schools
- C. Approval for Poll Officials for Special Election for School Excess Levy

BOARD REVIEW / INFORMATION:

- A. Personnel Changes – (See Attachments)
- B. Board Bills – (See Attachments)

Discussion ensued regarding the disposal of the Nuttall Middle School property. Mr. Cantley stated we will not know what the final disposal will be until the legal research is complete.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS / INFORMATION: *(not all inclusive)*

Mrs. Jones expressed her sorrow for the lives that were taken in the Newtown, Connecticut shooting. She stressed the importance of having our schools locked down and secure at all times.

Mr. Gray echoed Mrs. Jones's expression of sympathy to the families of the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting. He stated his hope that we are always reevaluating our security in the school system. He asked for a brief update on security at a future meeting.

Mr. Arritt thanked 98.5 radio station and Mr. Syner for their broadcasts. He acknowledged All-State football players Jay Parker from Meadow Bridge High School, Jake Grimmatt from Midland Trail High School, and Jalen Jones from Oak Hill High School. He reported on attending a recent RESA IV Council Meeting at Greenbrier West High School stating they had very tight security in place at the school. He said the RESA IV Council Meeting included a report from Dana Thomas on after school programs for the arts. He extended his prayers to the families of the Sandy Hook Elementary victims and stated we must make sure we're working on the security of our buildings. He said he did not need to convene into executive session for personnel matters if the purpose of the session was solely for a previous request he made to see a resume.

Mr. Ivey asked is there is money in the excess levy for roof repairs.

Dr. Starcher stated there is currently \$1.2 million dollars for maintenance and it would be increased by \$200,000.

Mr. Ivey reported on the High Performing Schools Committee meeting which reviews standards and policies on maintenance. He stated there is an alarming stack from the West Virginia Board of Risk and Management of repairs and replacements that need to be addressed within our facilities. He expressed his appreciation of the discussion of keeping the Nuttall Middle School building but stated there were more needs in the buildings that are currently housing our students. He reported police officers were present at many schools throughout the County and said he would like to see a PRO officer (*Professional Resource Officer*) in every school in Fayette County. He announced the Collins Middle School Christmas Concert will be tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. He asked everyone to keep the families in Connecticut in their heart along with several Oak Hill families that lost their homes in a recent apartment building fire in Oak Hill.

Mr. Bush thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He also commented on the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting and the vulnerability among us every single day. He remarked about the world we live in and through our faith we can see peace on earth. He asked everyone to celebrate the peace within their heart stating it's not what is on the outside but what is on the inside.

Mr. Ivey added Collins Middle School raised \$800 for Hurricane Sandy victims by selling t-shirts and bracelets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTER:

In accordance with 6-9A-4 (2) (A) of School Laws of West Virginia, "The governing body of a public agency may hold an executive session during a regular, special or emergency meeting . . . upon a majority affirmative vote of the members present . . . To consider: Matters arising from the appointment, employment, retirement, promotion, transfer, demotion, disciplining, resignation, discharge, dismissal or compensation of a public officer or employee unless the public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee requests an open meeting."

At approximately 6:45 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mrs. Jones, carried 4 to 1 with Mr. Arritt voting no, the Board convened into executive session following a ten minute recess for the discussion of a personnel matter. At approximately 6:55 p.m., Mr. Bush announced the return to open session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING:

In accordance with 6-9A-4 (3) of School Laws of West Virginia, "The governing body of a public agency may hold an executive session during a regular, special or emergency meeting . . . upon a majority affirmative vote of the members present . . . To decide upon disciplining, suspension or expulsion of any student in any public school . . . unless the student requests an open meeting."

At approximately 7:00 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Gray, second by Mrs. Jones, carried 5 to 0, the Board agreed to convene in executive session to conduct student discipline hearings. At approximately 7:44 p.m., Mr. Bush announced the return to open session.

Board Ratification – Superintendent Butcher’s recommendation for ratification of the placement of two students in an alternative school placement was approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Bush, and carried 5 to 0.

Student Expulsion – Superintendent Butcher’s recommendation that Student A121712 be expelled from Fayette County Schools for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school term with a recommendation to return the third nine weeks provided the student attends required counseling and drug testing as stipulated, was approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Arritt, carried 5 to 0.

Student Expulsion – Superintendent Butcher’s recommendation that Student B121712 be expelled from Fayette County Schools for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school term with a recommendation to return the third nine weeks provided the student attends required counseling and drug testing as stipulated, was approved upon motion by Mr. Ivey, second by Mr. Gray, carried 5 to 0.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting	Tuesday, January 8, 2013 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Tuesday, January 22, 2013 Board of Education Office	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

At approximately 7:45 p.m, it was moved by Mr. Gray, seconded by Mrs. Jones and carried 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

President

Secretary/Superintendent